Office of the Mayor

City & County of San Francisco



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Requestor: Paul Nicholas Boylan, Esq.

Email: pnboylan@gmail.com

March 1, 2019

Re: Public Records Request received February 19, 2019

Dear Paul Nicholas Boylan:

This letter responds to your public records request received by the Mayor's Office on February 19, 2019 via email. Specifically, you made the following request:

"I am informed and believe that sometime in approximately 2001, the Office of the Mayor turned a sharper focus on the public concern about pedophile priests and their victims. I am informed and believe that a number of public agencies, including the Office of the Mayor received records, created records, or has constructive possession of records pertaining to priest abuse issues.

During this time, one or more public agencies entered into a dialogue with The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Archdiocese") that resulted, in part, with the Archdiocese providing some public agencies, including the Office of the San Francisco District Attorney, with files containing documents and information pertaining to how the Archdiocese had responded to the issue of pedophile priests and their accusers for incidentspossibly going back as far as 80 or more years (hereinafter referred to as the "Files").

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Please provide me with access to and copies of the following records:

- (1) Any Files described above that contain records originating with the Archdiocese pertaining to priest misconduct;
- (2) If there are no actual Files in your possession, then please provide me with access to and copies of any documents and/or information that originated in any of the aforementioned Files.
- (3) Any records the Office of the Mayor drafted or received from any source other than the Archdiocese, including but not limited to memos, meetings, minutes, electronic and nonelectronic communications, calendar entries, etc.
- (4) A copy of the Russionello Agreement described above.
- (5) Any agreement pertaining to the handling, use and/or maintenance of any records originating with the Archdiocese."

Response Dated March 1, 2019

Thank you for your inquiry. We have reviewed your request and undertaken a search for responsive records in the possession of the Mayor's Office. We have not located any responsive records.

Please note that we are responding on behalf of the Mayor's Office only, and not on behalf of other city departments. We recommend you contact the San Francisco Office of the District Attorney directly regarding your public records request. The District Attorney's office can be reached by phone at (415) 553-1751 or e-mail at districtattorney@sfgov.org.

Additionally, we have no responsive materials to retain in accordance with your request regarding a "litigation hold." If you have any questions regarding an actual or potential legal claim against the City and/or a related "litigation hold" we recommend that you contact the Office of the City Attorney directly at (415) 554-4700 or at cityattorney@sfcityatty.org.

If you have any questions regarding your request or would like to send another sunshine request, please do not hesitate to contact the Mayor's Office at mayorsunshinerequests@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

Hank Heckel Compliance Officer Office of the Mayor City and County of San Francisco